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Preface

This document specifies the services provided by the White Sands Complex (WSC) Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)/Internet Protocol (IP) Data Interface Service Capability (WDISC), defines customer interfaces with the WDISC and describes main operations of the WDISC.

This document was originally created under National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) control. The WDISC system has been converted to Consolidated Space Operations Contract (CSOC) control and thus this document has been converted to CSOC control. This document was originally published in December 1998. Upon conversion, the document has retained most of its original content with the exception of an update to the Reference Document list that is in Section 1. In early 2003, updates were made throughout the document to reflect the 12/16/2002 change to NCCDS automated scheduling at the Data Services Management Center (DSMC) and the PTP expansion plan to double the number of PTPs.

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Section 1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose and Scope

The White Sands Complex (WSC) Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)/Internet Protocol (IP) Data Interface Service Capability (WDISC) supports customers who require TCP/IP access to the WSC for telemetry and command processing. Support is provided from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Integrated Services Network (NISN) Closed IP Operational Network (IONET), using a defined set of authorized addresses.

1.2 Context

The WDISC:

- a. Affords TCP/IP customers uniform access to Space Network (SN) services provided by the WSC ground stations.
- b. Uses a Programmable Telemetry Processor (PTP) a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) product to provide the required capabilities.
- c. Is scheduled and configured by the Network Control Center Data Systems (NCCDS) within the DSMC.
- d. Is compatible with the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS) Telemetry and Telecommand services.

1.3 Overview

This document specifies the services provided by the WDISC. Section 2 defines the customer interfaces with the WDISC. Section 3 describes the principal operations of the WDISC. Appendix B provides details of the TCP/IP (external) interfaces and serial (internal) interfaces at WSC.

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Section 2. Interfaces

2.1 Transport-Level Interfaces

2.1.1

Customer access to the WDISC is via TCP/IP connection for forward and return services. For forward services, the customer sends data via TCP/IP to the PTP at WSC. The PTP then sends that data to the WSC Local Interface (LI) via one of three PTP boards. The particular LI port to be used is identified by User Interface Channel (UIFC) ID. For return data, the PTP receives the data from the WSC LI via one of three PTP boards. It frame-syncs to the data and performs processing on it if necessary. The data is then shipped to the customer via a TCP/IP connection. Mission-specific port numbers are assigned to each customer, as required, for control and data ports for forward services, and for data port(s) for return services.

2.1.2

TCP/IP client/server relationships are established on a customer-by-customer basis. The preferred configuration of the PTP is as a TCP/IP server, with the Mission Operations Center (MOC) initiating the connection. However, the PTP may be configured as a TCP/IP client, so that the PTP initiates the connection at the time that support is scheduled to begin. In the latter configuration, the customer (server) side is expected to accommodate receiving data from both PTPs (prime and backup) simultaneously.

2.1.3

Interfaces with the customer MOC are summarized in Table 2-1. Each service is identified by UIFC that appears in the User Schedule Message (USM) from the NCCDS. The corresponding domain names are listed. The two domain name entries correspond to the primary and redundant PTP hosts.

NOTE

Details of the IP address assignments and internal configuration of the PTPs are provided in Appendix B.

Table 2-1. MOC Interfaces with WDISC

Service	User Interface Channel	Domain Name XXX.ops.nascom.nasa.gov
Forward-1	W30	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Return-1	W55	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Control-1	_	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Forward-2	W31	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Return-2	W56	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Control-2	_	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Forward-3	W32	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Return-3	W57	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Control-3	_	XXX=scptp1 or scptp2
Forward-4	W40	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Return-4	W69	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Control-4	_	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Forward-5	W41	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Return-5	W79	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Control-5	_	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Forward-6	W42	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Return-6	W80	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2
Control-6	_	XXX=wcptp1 or wcptp2

Table 2-1. MOC Interfaces with WDISC (cont'd.)

Service	User Interface Channel	Domain Name XXX.ops.nascom.nasa.gov
Forward-7	WA1	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Return-7	WB1	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Control-7	_	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Forward-8	WA2	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Return-8	WB2	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Control-8	_	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Forward-9	WA3	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Return-9	WB3	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Control-9	_	XXX=scptp3 or scptp4
Forward-10	WC1	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Return-10	WD1	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Control-10	_	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Forward-11	WC2	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Return-11	WD2	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Control-11	_	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Forward-12	WC3	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Return-12	WD3	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4
Control-12	_	XXX=wcptp3 or wcptp4

2.2 Application-Level Interfaces

2.2.1

All application-level interfaces are carried over connections (socket interfaces) that are associated with a particular "desktop" (i.e., the configuration file that defines and controls all the capabilities of one PTP board). Since there are three boards per PTP, there will be three PTP servers (i.e., software processes) running on a single PTP. All application-level interactions are with the specific PTP server associated with that desktop, which limits the allocation of the board to one and only one event at a time. For each customer and service requirement (i.e., data rate and flow direction), a unique desktop must be developed for each PTP board (i.e., [User Interface Channel ID] UIFC). The desktop is determined by the combination of Support Identifier (SUPIDEN), forward UIFC and data rate, and return UIFC and data rate, as applicable for the requested services. Since each UIFC is associated with only one PTP board, the UIFC specified for a scheduled service in the User Schedule Message (USM) provided by the NCCDS is sufficient to identify the correct PTP board to access. However, missionspecific port assignments assure that the correct board is accessed without additional MOC actions. (See References d and e for more information on MOC interactions with the NCCDS.)

2.2.2

The WDISC PTPs are compatible with particular CCSDS data formats for space link communications. Among the Ground Transport Headers they support are IP Data Unit (IPDU), Standard Formatted Data Unit (SFDU), Low Earth Orbit-Terminal (LEO-T), and others. Playback data is available via TBD. Control character strings for the forward data switching are simply American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) text.

2.2.3

The application-level protocols (layered above TCP/IP) are summarized in Tables 2-2 through Table 2-4.

Table 2-2. Application Level Protocols for Data

Interface Type	"Space Link Format"	"Ground Transport Header"	Document Reference	Content
Return Data	CCSDS	IPDU	r, s	Return telemetry with status header
Return Data	CCSDS	SFDU	t, u	Return telemetry with SFDU header
Return Data	CCSDS	LEO-T	V	Return telemetry with LEO-T header
Forward Data	CCSDS	IPDU	o–q	Command data

Table 2-3. Application Level Protocols for Control and Status

Interface Type	"Space Link Format"	"Ground Transport Header"	Document Reference	Content
Control-forward data switch	N/A	ASCII	N/A	Control character string
Status-forward data processing	N/A	ASCII	N/A	System Heartbeat

NOTE

ASCII character strings are transported over TCP/IP sockets.

Table 2-4. Application Level Protocols for Playback

Interface Type	"Space Link Format"	"Ground Transport Header"	Document Reference	Content
Playback Data	N/A	TBD	j	Files of recorded data

Section 3. Operational Considerations

3.1 Nominal Operations

The WDISC configuration and nominal scenarios are discussed in Reference c. The MOC is responsible for:

- a. Requesting SN service from the DSMC (two to three weeks in advance). See Reference e for a description of this process.
- b. Receiving responses from the NCCDS (typically a USM) that indicates the SN resources (Tracking and Data Relay Satellite [TDRS], antenna, UIFCs) allocated to this support.
- c. Getting connections with the data ports of the appropriate PTPs (prime and backup) at the addresses shown in Table 2-1, using a mission-specific assigned data port number.
- d. (For forward services) sending a control character string to the control port of the prime PTP to set the forward data switch correctly, using the mission-specific assigned control port number.
- e. Receiving WDISC support throughout the scheduled support period.
- f. (For forward services) monitoring the system heartbeat on the control port throughout the scheduled support period.
- g. (At a later time if playback is required) downloading saved files from a PTP TBD.

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3.2 Failover Operations

The WDISC provides redundant PTPs to permit failovers with minimal lost support. The MOC is responsible for:

- a. Monitoring the flow of return data and the presence of the forward service system heartbeat (the heartbeat is optional) to identify when support is lost.
- b. Informing the WSC operator of the failure.
- c. Getting connection to the data port of the backup PTP, using the mission-specific assigned data port number.
- d. (For forward services) sending a control character string to reset the forward data switch to the backup position.
- e. (For forward services) requesting the WSC to send a control character string to reset the forward data switch to the backup position.
- f. Resuming support via the backup PTP.

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Appendix A. Abbreviations and Acronyms

Acronym Definition

ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange

CCSDS Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems

COTS Commercial off-the-shelf

CSOC Consolidated Space Operations Contract

DNS Domain Name System

DSMC Data Services Management Center

EO-1 Earth Orbiter-1

FTP File Transfer Protocol

FUSE Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer

GALEX Galaxy Evolution Explorer

GP-B Gravity Probe B

GSFC Goddard Space Flight Center
ICD Interface control document

ID Identifier

IONET IP Operational Network

IP Internet Protocol

IPDU IP data unit

LDB Long Duration Balloon

LEO-T Low earth orbit-terminal

LI Local interface

MOC Mission Operations Center

NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NCC Network Control Center

NCCDS Network Control Center Data System

NCCMS Network Control Center Miscellaneous Systems

NISN NASA Integrated Services Network

NMP New Millennium Program
PMP Project Management Plan

PTP Programmable Telemetry Processor

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Acronym Definition

SERB Sustaining Engineering Review Board

SFDU Standard formatted data unit

SN Space Network

STGT Second TDRSS Ground Terminal

SUPIDEN Support Identifier

TCP Transmission Control Protocol

TDRS Tracking and Data Relay Satellite

TDRSS Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System

TIMED Thermosphere Ionosphere Mesosphere Energetics and

Dynamics

UIFC User interface channel ID

ULDB Ultra Long Duration Balloon

USM User schedule message

WDISC WSC TCP/IP Data Interface Service Capability

WSC White Sands Complex

WSGT White Sands Ground Terminal

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Appendix B. External and Internal WDISC Interfaces

B.1 TCP/IP Connectivity

See Figure B-1, WDISC User Interface Channels.

B.1.1 IP Addresses

WDISC provides eight PTPs that are accessible via the Closed IONET. IP addresses are obtained by resolving server aliases (i.e., domain names) to IP addresses. NISN operates a Domain Name System (DNS) server supporting PTP server aliases to permit a client's DNS Name Resolvers to perform this service. Table B-1 lists the aliases for each PTP located at Second TDRSS Ground Terminal (STGT) or White Sands Ground Terminal (WSGT).

PTP Identifier Domain Name STGTPTP1 scptp1.ops.nascom.nasa.gov STGTPTP2 scptp2.ops.nascom.nasa.gov STGTPTP3 scptp3.ops.nascom.nasa.gov STGTPTP4 scptp4.ops.nascom.nasa.gov WSGTPTP1 wcptp1.ops.nascom.nasa.gov WSGTPTP2 wcptp2.ops.nascom.nasa.gov WSGTPTP3 wcptp3.ops.nascom.nasa.gov WSGTPTP4 wcptp4.ops.nascom.nasa.gov

Table B-1. IP Address Aliases

B.1.2 TCP Port Assignments

Each PTP has three identical boards. Each board has TCP/IP interfaces for forward and return data services, as well as for control and status. Mission-specific port assignments are used to access the correct board without further customer actions.

B.2 Serial Data Configuration

Two sets of primary and backup PTPs are located at each ground terminal. The serial interfaces of corresponding boards of the prime and backup PTPs are connected to specified LI ports. Each pair of return serial interfaces shares a specified return LI port. Each pair of forward serial interfaces is connected to its forward LI port via a forward data switch. Table B-2 describes the configuration of each board. The corresponding UIFCs are also indicated.

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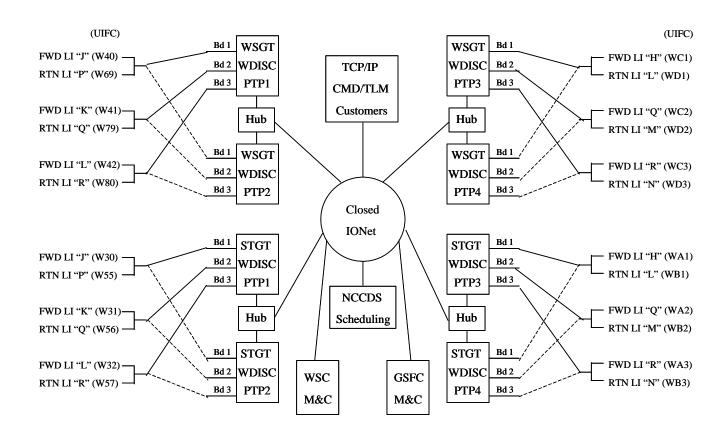


Figure B-1. WDISC User Interface Channels

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Table B-2. WDISC Internal Configuration

PTP Identifier	Board Identifier	Forward LI Port (UIFC)	Return LI Port (UIFC)
STGTPTP1	Board 1	J (W30)	P (W55)
STGTPTP1	Board 2	K (W31)	Q (W56)
STGTPTP1	Board 3	L (W32)	R (W57)
STGTPTP2	Board 1	J (W30)	P (W55)
STGTPTP2	Board 2	K (W31)	Q (W56)
STGTPTP2	Board 3	L (W32)	R (W57)
STGTPTP3	Board 1	H (WA1)	L (WB1)
STGTPTP3	Board 2	Q (WA2)	M (WB2)
STGTPTP3	Board 3	R (WA3)	N (WB3)
STGTPTP4	Board 1	H (WA1)	L (WB1)
STGTPTP4	Board 2	Q (WA2)	M (WB2)
STGTPTP4	Board 3	R (WA3)	N (WB3)
WSGTPTP1	Board 1	J (W40)	P (W69)
WSGTPTP1	Board 2	K (W41)	Q (W79)
WSGTPTP1	Board 3	L (W42)	R (W80)
WSGTPTP2	Board 1	J (W40)	P (W69)
WSGTPTP2	Board 2	K (W41)	Q (W79)
WSGTPTP2	Board 3	L (W42)	R (W80)
WSGTPTP3	Board 1	H (WC1)	L (WD1)
WSGTPTP3	Board 2	Q (WC2)	M (WD2)
WSGTPTP3	Board 3	R (WC3)	N (WD3)
WSGTPTP4	Board 1	H (WC1)	L (WD1)
WSGTPTP4	Board 2	Q (WC2)	M (WD2)
WSGTPTP4	Board 3	R (WC3)	N (WD3)

NOTE

L1 port assignments use the designations found in Reference f.

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